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A man approached a little league baseball game one afternoon. He asked a boy in the dugout what the score was. The boy responded "18 to nothing - we're behind." "Boy" said the spectator, "all bet you are discouraged." "Why should I be discouraged?" replied the little boy. "We haven't even gotten up to bat yet!" Even though things seemed hopeless, the boy remained hopeful! Hopefulness is a possible reaction to hopelessness! G.K.

Chesterton said... But the strength of that hope lies in its object. A Hopeful Healer a hopeful Dr., a hopeful Sch opportunity. But

I. Be Direct in Approaching The Healer
Behold! Look, see one hurdling thru the crowd. Every one knew Jairus! He was the ruler of Synagogue! What He Gonna do? (vs 22)
A. He Came in A Demeaning Posture

Jairus as a ruler of the synagogue had a high standing in the community he was probably well off. More than likely by his previous opinion of Jesus would be one of disdain and disregard but, no matter your wealth or community standing, a life and death trial, a hopeless situation can bring the most self-willed to their knees. He humbled himself before Christ. Carefully watch

B. He came With A Desperate Plea (V333-34)
My little daughter. My child is ill.
God knows how to humble us and bring
us to Him. This senseless area of life
cause him to break down walls of
suspicion and doubt and run despatch
to Jesus as a source of Hope! I am
reminded of the song: "Get any rivers
you think are uncrassable! only the
God specializes! Run to Him! Bring your ^{Plea to Him} ^{Hopes} (V335-35)

II. Be Disregarding An Apparent Hopelessness

V334. Despite what maybe Jairus had said in
past, The Lord Jesus would not turn away the
desperate plea! He obliged! Lead the Way. But ^{perish}

A. There Was An Unexpected Delay (V335-34)

Can you see the frantic look on Jesus
face. Clear the way! Then all of a sudden
Jesus stops. "What touches me?" No, No, Jesus
please! Don't you realize this is life and death
I was driving down Broadstreet and an Ambulance
came hurtling down the road. I was able
to get out of way. Others didn't. Horns! Hurry
move. But remember who you are trusting in. He
does not work on our time table but his.

B. There Was An Untimely Death (V335)

Then the news came. You're too late! There
is no use! It was a great trip, it's all over now.
But remember who's hand you're holding. You
get a hold of the peace speaker, the demon

1) G K Chesterton : Hope means hoping when things are hopeless, or it is no virtue at all...As long as matters are really hopeful, hope is mere flattery or platitude; it is only when everything is hopeless that hope begins to be a strength.

2) But you and I know that the hopes of this world are but mere possibilities at best. The only sure hope is in an all powerful, miracle working God! That is exactly what Jesus is proving himself to be in the past 3 miracles of Ch 4 & 5. He has power over danger (troubled sea) He has power over demons (Demoniac of Gadara) He has power over disease (woman with the issue of blood) and tonight he has power over death it's self! Our application is that Every Christian can trust that Jesus can recover the most hopeless of cases by following the four instructions we find in this text. Notice first that we should...

1) Don't forget, when hope is all gone Help is on the way,
child of God! Jeremiah 32:27 Behold, I am the LORD, the
God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

2) ...note how we can fight through, how we can be
determined despite these forces.

3) ...what I have done for others I can do for you! What
words to remember for our daily lives!

4) Psalms 102:17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute,
and not despise their prayer.

destrayer, the disease deliverer and the death
defeater! Like the old song says He may
not come when you want Him but he'll be there
right on time! Don't discount that wayward child
that hopeless friend, the devastating marriage (P)

III. Be Determined in Outward Hindrances

I get the sense that in vs. 35 the are beginning
to be outside forces that are trying to hinder any
further progress. Faithless doubting forces. Not how?

A. Remembers His Words of Encouragement (vs 36)

Jesus in vs 36 Overheard what was said. I'm
sure he saw the anguish and pain on the father's
face! Can any one ever said the right thing
at the right time it was Jesus. All hope was
gone, and with five words Jesus floods

this man's heart with enough hope to continue
on! Be not afraid, Only believe! Trust me Jairus.
Look at this woman. She's been suffering as long
as your daughter been alive. What else do you think I can do for this (vs 42a)

B. Renounce The Ridicule Encountered

Read vs 37-40a - They laughed. They
laughed him to scorn, ridicule!
She's dead Jesus. Do we have to spell it?

D-e-a-d, Jairus probably thought this is
crazy. People are laughing at me in

my own home! But the words... caused
him to renounce, put away disregard the
scorn and take the problem straight to Jesus!
It's over! This is gone! We can't do anything

IV. Be Dependent On An Almighty Hand

Oh I can't stress this enough trust God with the impossible. ED Ballou - ^{clim} trusting to the Unseen hand that leads us ^{while we} trust.

A. Go Shut Out The Scaffers (Vs 40b)

Jesus, shut the door of the scaffers. It just Jesus, some disciples, mom Dad and a hopeless case. Shut the world out, squaw off alone w/ God in a prayer closet, despairative.

B. Give Sway to the Saviour (Vs 40c-4d)

He put the scaffers out, He took the Father and the disciples, he brought them in the room. He took her hand... Don't try to direct God! No touch her forehead, the problem here

C. Give Celebration to the Sovereign (Vs 43a)

There was a specific reason, Vs 19. Jesus told Demonic "tell Everybody" Jairus tell no one" Jairus had more ^{rule}: ruler of syn. They would have made him King! Not crown but cross, But now

D. Give Sustenance to the Subject (Vs 41)

What tenderness the Lord Jesus has! For this child. Give Sustenance to this miracle. I guarantee you this father treasures this daughter even more. When God meets the ^{it} need ^{it} need

V. Closing - Some of you are facing hopeless situations. Remember his words Be not Afraid, Only Believe. Care to Him today. Some facing a hopeless eternity in Hell! Care to him! Receive Christ today!

- 1) ...desperation...God you are the only one that can change any thing about this hopeless situation. I'm not going to listen to the world the flesh the devil! I'm putting all my eggs in your basket!
- 2) ...the problems here Lord. This is what needs to be corrected! No yield to Him. Give him full sway. Let Him work in the situation. Most of the time we are to busy directing the situation, that he can't work in it!
- 3) We can celebrate the miracles things that God does in our lives! Lady at the braves game. Loud yet losing by 12. Everybody knew what side she was on!